

**REMARKS**

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Non-elected claims 11-14 and 16-48 are cancelled without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application thereto.

Claim 1 has been amended to delete the non-elected subject matter by deleting the definition "optionally substituted heterocyclic group" from the definitions of R<sup>a1</sup>, R<sup>a2</sup>, R<sup>a3</sup>, R<sup>a7</sup> and R<sup>a8</sup>.

In view of the foregoing, each ground of objection and rejection set forth in the Official Action is deemed to be overcome.

In item 13, it is noted that the Examiner has indicated that no copies of the certified priority documents have been received. The Examiner is kindly requested to check the application file again. The present application is a U.S. national stage of PCT/JP01/06145. Copies of the certified priority documents were submitted to the International Bureau. Kindly double check to see whether the International Bureau forwarded a copy of the certified documents to the PTO.

In addition, it is noted that the Examiner has failed to acknowledge receipt or consideration of the Preliminary Amendment filed on December 28, 2001, the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 8, 2001, the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 27, 2002, the Second Preliminary Amendment filed on April 19, 2002, and the Third Preliminary Amendment filed on June 3, 2002. Copies of these papers are enclosed. The Examiner is kindly requested to acknowledge receipt, consideration and entry of these papers.

Favorable action and allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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